

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

APPLICATION OF GENERAL TELEPHONE)
COMPANY OF KENTUCKY FOR A CERTIFI-)
CATE THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION)
BY IT, OF A FRANCHISE TO SERVE THE)
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HARDIN COUNTY,)
KENTUCKY)

CASE NO.
8277

O R D E R

On the 8th day of July 1981, General Telephone Company of Kentucky filed with the Commission its application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on a telephone franchise to be granted by Hardin County, Kentucky, with respect to service within the unincorporated areas of said county. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3), no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

A hearing in this matter was held in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on July 9, 1981.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for telephone service within the unincorporated areas of Hardin County, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or

determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by Hardin County or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That General Telephone Company of Kentucky be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a telephone franchise within the unincorporated areas of Hardin County, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That General Telephone Company of Kentucky, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities within the unincorporated areas of Hardin County, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of July 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Voth
Chairman

Katherine Baudell
Vice Chairman

Don Carver
Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary